

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "herein.", insert the following: -- This application is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/476,651, filed December 31, 1999, and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND/OR FOR PROVIDING HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND/OR HEALTHCARE-RELATED INFORMATION". --

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This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant has amended the above-identified application in order to claim the benefit of priority of